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1. Repairs, contrary to previous reports, were not carried out on the Rethensee lock itself, but rather on the Rethensee ship lift (Schiffs-hebeværk Rethensee), connecting the Elbe River with the Elbe Canal. The ship lift is located about 10 to 12 kilometers from Magdeburg. At the moment, no repairs are being made on the lift.
2. Residents of the area and river men stated that the lift has been operable (Betriebsfähig) since completion of actual repairs more than four weeks ago. No ships coming from the West, however, are permitted through.
3. The lift is heavily guarded by Volkspolizei.

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